



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, March 1, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Sung 2 times

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

Laura: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

People: "When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh -- my adversaries and foes -- they shall stumble and fall."

Laura: "Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident."

People: "One thing I ask of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path."

All: "Let us give thanks and worship God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"O God, we often stumble and fall. We come to you this morning with our hurt, our pain, our confusion, and our remorse. When the clouds are low we forget about the beauty you made. Lead us on our journey. Help us listen for your word. May we be taught sensitively and wisely by your messengers." (Silent Prayer) "Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen."

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura: Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

People: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!"

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:1 - 7, 15 - 16

EPISTLE READING Romans 4:13 - 25

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:31- 38

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith

see insert

***HYMN #435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In the Presence of Your People* Chambers

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #607*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use the wording “debts and debtors.”)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #700** *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *God Will Take Care of You* Hughes

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: To Be Announced **Lay Reader: Laura Pierce**

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church where we come together **to celebrate God’s love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This Congregation opens wide its doors and our hearts and offers welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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The Session (Board of Elders)

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Marty Shell	Nelson Buchanan
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Jewelie Mills	Nevada Mills
Laura Pierce (clerk)	Jemmie Moseley

Standing Committee Moderators

Jewelie Mills	
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Tommy Dunlap	Fellowship & Nurture
Nevada Mills	
Bill Detmers	Missions & Outreach
Jemmie Moseley	
Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

The Church Is Now Accepting Orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$12.50 each. The Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, and will remain through Easter Sunday. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the enclosed form, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is March 22.

The Session Will Have a Called Meeting this afternoon, following worship.

On Saturday, March 7, We Will Travel to The Village in Star City for a little shopping and dinner. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to travel with us, please sign below. We hope you will join us!

All of You Who Are in Sixth Grade and up Are Invited to a special time just for you on March 8, from 4:00 to 5:00. We hope to see you there!

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.

Thanks to All Who Have Sent recent updates to our list of prayer concerns. If you have love ones who need to be added or removed from the list, please contact the church office.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

M faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine,
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day.
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2015

MEMBERS:

Mary Wooten
Logan Mosley
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz

Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Harrylene Moore, grandmother of
Laura Cosner
Jane & Tim Reeves and Nikki & Daniel Voss,
relatives of the Cosner family
Judy Buchanan, wife of Nelson Buchanan
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Ronnie Panks, father of Bubba VonTungeln’s
friend
Rev. Jim Miller, friend of the church
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David
Judkins
Betty Neal, mother-in-law of Dana Neal
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Annette Knuckles, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose
and Suzy VonTungeln
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln’s co-
worker
Judy and Larry Fetters, friends of Rose
VonTungeln
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Dad and Stepmom of Vance and Jennifer

Freeman, cousins of Amanda Chandler
Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Johnny & Ginger McCaleb, son and daughter–law
of Donna McCaleb
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill
Detmers
Monica Milligan, mother-in-law of Michael
VonTungeln
Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler’s
co-worker
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael
Chandler
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Lonoke **Vaughn**, Bentonville

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD